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Dear Smitty:

You will note the date is Sunday, and I have just set down to a clutter up desk, to try and get it cleared up a little. I decided to write you the first thing I did, because I am afraid the bell will ring or something will happen to delay this letter again. I should have written you long ago, and thanked you for your very kind column. You really flattered and complimented me a lot. In addition you stuck your chin out, because there are still a lot of folks resent a lady in baseball. I sincerely hope I won't let you down.

It seems to me our baseball for this season is still a big question mark. I wish the owners could be talked into trying to work out a program with the war manpower commission to let the boys work in defence plants, and play week end baseball. We might even get a night or so a week in. That seems to me to be a practical program, and everyone would be better off. But I have found out a long time ago, our baseball folks are not practical. I guess there is no use worrying about it. Things have a way of working out.

In the meantime, I am very very much taken up with volunteer war work. I am wearing the uniform of The OCD, and in addition I am the treasurer of a group of our girls who send a show to our colored boys at the induction center (the place where they spend the first few days when they leave home, and are very blue) at Ft. Dix once a week. I will enclose a folder we got up for an affair we raised some money to pay for the bus. It is really a swell program, starts the boys right off with a boost. I could write a whole letter about this but I guess I will get back to the baseball.

It did look last year like Negro Baseball was about to catch on, and if nothing had happened I think we might have gotten somewhere. However something did happen, and everything will have to take a back seat until that is taken care of. The Majors are now working on the program of their benefit games, and I want to see what they plan, and try and copy after them. (Gottlieb says I should forget about copying after The Majors but that is just one of the things I disagree with him on)